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MANUFACTURING A FILTER
MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In connection with the above-referenced application, Applicants file, with this Preliminary Amendment, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). In response to the Decision on Appeal dated January 25, 2006, and prior to the examination of the above-referenced RCE, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.